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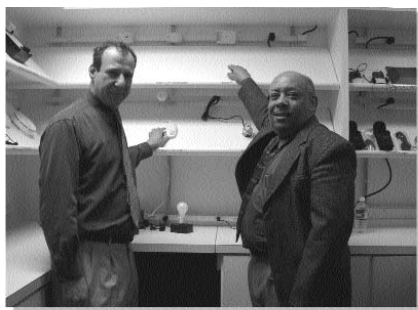
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Assistive Device Demonstration Center Opens

By Nancy Kingsley

DDHH's long-awaited assistive devices demonstration center opened in New Brunswick's Joseph Kohn Rehabilitation Center on March 26. New Jersey's Deaf, late-deafened hard of hearing and deaf-blind residents now have the opportunity to try out a wide range of devices with no pressure to buy. The Center does not sell the equipment. However, consumers can make purchases from various catalogs on display.



Members of the DDHH Advisory Council's Community Services/Agency Committee developed the initial plans for the assistive devices center, culminating with Arlene London's submission of a proposal listing recommended equipment. DDHH staff then worked with Carol Grant from the Department of Human Services to make the arrangements for acquiring and housing the technology. The blue prints for the center were provided in consultation with the League for Hard of Hearing in New York.

Attendees at the March 26 opening were able to survey the collection for the first time. The various visual and auditory assistive devices were clearly labeled and arrayed within easy reach around the display room.

A partial list of the equipment includes:

- 👉 Smoke detector with visual signaling
- 👉 Flashing knock sensor
- 👉 Wireless flashing door signaler
- 👉 Flashing baby cry signaler
- 👉 Vibration watch
- 👉 Flashing alert lights
- 👉 Vibrating alarm clocks
- 👉 FM Conference microphone
- 👉 Personal infrared and FM assistive listening devices
- 👉 Wide-area FM assistive listening system
- 👉 Amplified corded and cordless telephones
- 👉 Full-size and portable voice carryover (VCO) TTY telephones (for relay users who prefer to speak and to read the spoken responses typed by the communication assistant)
- 👉 Printing and non-printing TTYs



Additional equipment will be added in the future.

Everyone is welcome to see and try the devices by appointment, and assistance will be available to help visitors learn how to use the equipment. For more information or to arrange an appointment to visit the assistive devices center, call DDHH at 1-800-792-8339 V/TTY.



Meet Miss Deaf New Jersey

2001-2003

TORONJA A. WILLIAMS of Ewing, New Jersey, won the title of Miss Deaf New Jersey in a pageant sponsored by the New Jersey Association of the Deaf on March 23, 2002. She is the first deaf black woman to win the title. Her platform presentation is "Sharing Visibility; Connection World Family Literacy." Her talent is reading the poem "Still I Rise" by Maya Angelou. She also won in the best evening gown category. She will represent New Jersey in the national competition for Miss Deaf American in Washington, D.C. July 2-8, 2002.

Ms. Williams graduated from the American School of the Deaf in 1996. She attended Gallaudet University in DC and Rochester Institute of Technology in NY. She will be a student at The College of New Jersey in the fall. Her major is social work. She is actively involved in the National Center for Family Literacy, National Mentoring Partnership, United Way & Deaf Women United. She also is a member at Trinity Baynton United Methodist Church.

As Miss Deaf New Jersey, Toronja has several goals. One of her goals is to develop family literacy in the Deaf Community and to become a spokeswoman in the Deaf Community about New Jersey Deaf Rights, the Deaf in the workforce and Deaf Education. She believes in diversity and she strongly encourages young deaf & hard of hearing people to be positive role models.

Toronja is available for personal appearances at schools, colleges, community gatherings & organizations. Those interested should contact: Miss Deaf New Jersey Pageant Director, Carrie Pogue, PO Box 189, Estell Manor, NJ 08319, (609) 476-3526 Voice, (609) 476-2831 TTY, (609) 476-2834 Fax, MDNJP@njad.org.

Legislative Bills 2002-2003

The following bills are related to hearing loss. To locate information about your local legislator or bills, go to the Web site: www.njleg.state.nj.us

S864 Singer, Robert W. / Vitale, Joseph F.

Requires health insurers to provide coverage for hearing aids.

A1680 Cohen, Neil M.

Provides that pupils may not be prohibited from using sign language on school property.

S177 Palaia, Joseph A.

Revises various statutes regarding audiologists, speech-language pathologists and Hearing Aid dispensers.

S273 Bucco, Anthony R.

Increases Hearing Aid Assistance for the Aged and Disabled Program allowance to \$500 per year.

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Deadline for submissions:

First of the month for next month

Kowalczyk Receives Veritas Award from Caldwell College

MARYANNE KOWALCZYK (Covich '61) was honored at the Veritas Awards Dinner on Friday evening, March 22. The 2002 Veritas Awards Dinner, held at the Essex Fells Country Club, marked the 16th year of annually recognizing Caldwell College graduates who have excelled in their professions and demonstrated integrity and perseverance in both their personal lives and professional careers. Eileen Forestal, the founder of the American Sign Language Interpreter and Deaf Studies Program at Union County College, presented Ms. Kowalczyk with the award. Caldwell College President, Sister Patrice Werner, made the presentation.

Ms. Kowalczyk was recognized for Excellence as an Advocate for the Deaf. She became aware of Deafness as a difference in culture, and not a disability, when she enrolled in the American Sign Language Interpreters Program at Union County College in 1991. At that time, her daughter, who was born deaf, was then in her late 20's.



As a Board Member of Parents for Deaf Awareness since 1991, Ms. Kowalczyk has served as Vice President for Programming and Editor of the organization's quarterly magazine. The programs that the organization presented provided

information on all communication choices and educational opportunities for children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

In 1996, Ms. Kowalczyk and her husband, Frank, founded the Communication Connection to promote awareness of all hearing loss to the hearing community. They produced The Sign Away Sign Language 365 Day Desk

Calendar, which allowed anyone the ability to learn the basics of American Sign Language. The calendar was not a dictionary of ASL signs, but a grammar text, as well as a teaching tool about Deaf culture.

Ms. Kowalczyk is a member of the National Association of the Deaf, the New Jersey Association of the Deaf, the American Society for Deaf Children, Parents for Deaf Awareness, the Association of Late-Deafened Adults, Self-Help for Hard of Hearing People, the National Family Association for the

Deaf-Blind and the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf. In addition, Ms. Kowalczyk has served on the Clifton (NJ) Advisory Committee for Individuals with Disabilities.

In addition to this newest award, Ms. Kowalczyk has also been awarded the Alan R. Barwielek Memorial Award from the Union County College Deaf Studies Program, The Golden Hand Award from the National Association of the Deaf; and Certificate of Appreciation from the New Jersey Association of the Deaf. All of these were awarded for her Advocacy in Deaf Awareness.

She received her Bachelor of Arts in Social Studies and Elementary Education from Caldwell College and subsequently completed two years of the ASL Interpreter Program at Union County College.

She and her husband, have four children: Kathleen, Mary Frances, Paul, and Elizabeth and three grandchildren: Michelle, Jacob and Abigail.

The other recipients were Rita Menz (Finn '67), for her pioneering work in the field of legal marketing and Margaret Poltorak-Keyes (Poltorak '75), for her artistic achievements in the public and liturgical fields.

Eva Janosi Settles first case Against Doctor for Failure to Provide Interpreters

In the first case of its kind in New Jersey, a doctor has entered into a public consent order agreeing to utilize certain protocol to ensure that reasonable accommodation will be provided to future deaf patients under the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. This consent judgment has been used as a model in various other hospitals throughout the country.

Eva Janosi began going to Dr. Goldberg in 1997 and, on repeated occasions, requested an interpreter be provided to her. However despite her many requests and those of various advocates on her behalf, the doctor refused to provide one. Dr. Goldberg performed surgery at St. Peter's Medical Center (who was the other defendant in this case) and also provided aftercare to Eva Janosi. The plaintiff continued to request an interpreter from Dr. Goldberg at which point, he stated to her that he would not provide her with an interpreter and, if she desired those services, she would have to go to another doctor. Ms. Janosi was not provided with a qualified interpreter, despite federal and state law which requires that all doctors' offices provide reasonable accommodation, including qualified interpreters, to ensure that effective communication take place with all patients. It was only after the filing of this lawsuit, did Dr. Goldberg finally provided Ms. Janosi with an interpreter.

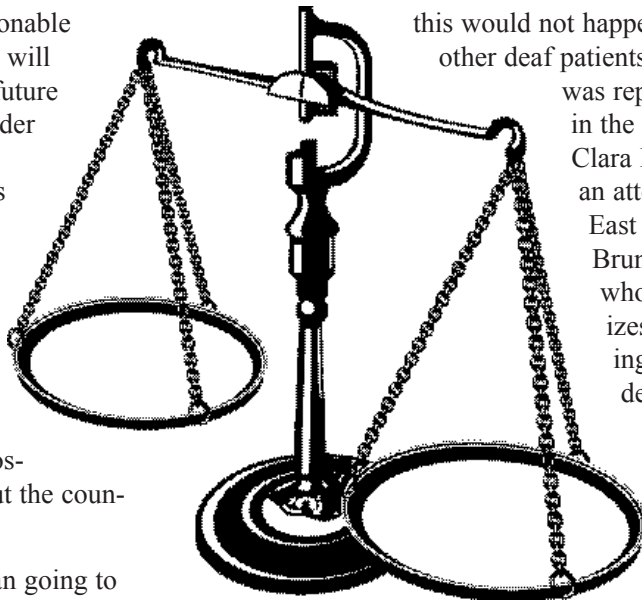
After experiencing the terror, frustration and emotional anguish of receiv-

ing medical treatment, surgery and aftercare without understanding much of what went on, Eva Janosi decided to sue Dr. Goldberg so this would not happen to other deaf patients. She

was represented in the case by Clara R. Smit, an attorney in East Brunswick, who specializes in serving the deaf.

After three years of litigation, the

parties agreed to enter into a consent judgment, wherein reasonable accommodations now will be obtained to ensure effective communication. The consent order was filed with the Middlesex County Court on February 25, 2002. The consent order provides for signage to be posted throughout the doctor's office to alert both patients and staff alike of their responsibility to provide interpreters to deaf patients who require them for effective communication. In addition the consent order mandates, the doctor and his office follow several steps to ensure all possible efforts are made to obtain an interpreter whenever required, day or night. Training and policy changes to implement the consent order, which will become part of the doctor's policy, are also required as part of the order. The order was entered as a judgment against the doctor. Therefore, failure to comply with the order by the doctor in the future will subject him to contempt charges.



Eva Janosi and Ms. Smit are extremely pleased and excited with the settlement and hope to see major resultant changes in doctors' offices across the country. Although the ADA and the Rehabilitation Act specifically require that a doctor provide reasonable accommodation, it is only recently that deaf people have begun to feel empowered to file these kinds of lawsuits.

In the past, communication difficulties created extremely limited access to the legal community and to the courts in general, for deaf individuals. Thus, Clara R. Smit, who is fluent in American Sign Language and whose parents are deaf, is the first attorney in New Jersey to file these suits. Ms. Smit has already settled 25 other cases against various New Jersey hospitals, including Bayonne Hospital; Jersey City Medical Center; Raritan Bay Medical Center; St. Peter's University Hospital; St. Barnabas Medical Center; Irvington Hospital, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center; St. Joseph's Hospital; Mountainside Hospital; Rahway Hospital; Clara Maass Medical Center; Valley Hospital; Jersey Shore Medical Center; Southern Ocean County Hospital; Warren Hospital; Saint Clare's Hospital, Inc.; Saint Clare's Denville Campus; & Saint Clare's Dover Campus; St. Michael's Medical Center; and St. James Hospital. She currently has other cases pending against New Jersey hospitals including Kennedy Health System; Burdette Tomlin Memorial Hospital; Monmouth Medical Center; and Clara Maass Medical Center, as well as another two cases pending against another doctor, Dr. Robert Ponzio, for failure to provide interpreters to deaf patients. For further information, please contact Clara R. Smit, Esq. at (732) 843-6600.

Third DDHH Community Forum Ends With Award

By Jason Weiland

Bergen Community College in Paramus, New Jersey, was the site of the third community forum hosted by the Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing on March 21st, 2002. More than 100 people filled the seats to share their concerns and ideas with a panel consisting of Brian C. Shomo (director), Ira Hock (executive assistant), Cathy Grehlinger (interpreter referral services coordinator), and Jason Weiland (field representative) from DDHH. Full communication access was provided through a team of five interpreters, CART services, and ALDs.



The forum was the last leg of a northern, central, and southern tour for the Division in getting feedback from the communities that are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind, and late deafened. Previous forums were held at Camden County College in November and Union County College in January, with attendance at

35 and 40, respectively.

Community members and professionals who served people with hearing loss shared ideas and concerns. The event offered individuals a unique opportunity to learn more about the

Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and to meet with staff members on the panel. Information gathered during the forum assists in addressing the need for services to residents in the State of New Jersey.

During the closing moments, the Northwest Jersey Association of the Deaf President, Joey Garth, Bonnie Thomas, 1st Vice-President, and Kevin Mona, 2nd Vice-President, presented Brian C. Shomo and his staff with a Plaque of Appreciation for "Outstanding Support, Dedicated Service, and Endless Contributions to NWJAD and the Deaf Community." After three successful community forums, DDHH continues with its pledge of commitment to make services accessible to the deaf, hard of hearing, late-deafened, and deaf-blind communities in the State of New Jersey.

TECHNOLOGY...

*Submitted by MaryAnne Kowalczyk (Reprinted from THE ENDEAVOR, Winter 2002.
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Many people feel less than confident when it comes to dealing with technology. The feeling is compounded when parents have deaf or hard of hearing children and limited familiarity with assistive technology. Let's start with a basic list. . . most homes of individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing have telephone flashers, a doorbell flasher, some remote receivers, and visual detectors to facilitate environmental awareness. Deaf children become accustomed early on to viewing captioning on television. Don't feel you need to wait until your child can read to utilize captioning. Captioning can actually assist children in developing reading skills. Once a child has some degree of skill with reading, writing, and keyboarding, he/she may be introduced to a tty (text telephone). Around this time too, some parents acquaint their children with wake up alarm clock systems. As kids grow, become involved in activities, and gain independence, you may want to consider equipping them with wireless interactive messaging services.

From there on, the possibilities are ever-expanding. Many people are choosing to go from analog to digital hearing aids. In addition to the basic assistive devices, children can also benefit from educational CD-ROMs, and supervised encounters with the Internet, e-mail, and instant messaging. The relay system will help keep children who have hearing friends or family members in touch. More recent technological developments, such as broadband, real-time text, video-telephony, video-conferencing, video-relay, and web-based relay, are continually being developed to use as they benefit you and your children. The key is to remember to take it step by step. Try not to be overwhelmed by the possibilities. Instead, be alert and sensitive to your child's needs as they arise. Talk to other people who have experience with the particular kinds of technology you are exploring. Ask what companies and vendors they frequent. Share your feedback with the companies with which you choose to do business. And finally, keep your eye on the goal of supporting your child. In years just recently past, technology has rapidly begun to improve the quality of life and open up new possibilities in communication for people who are deaf [and hard of hearing]. Let's continue to identify the needs of our children and look toward technology as a way to meet those needs at home, at school, at work, and out in the community.

FM Assistive Listening Equipment Available For Loan

The NJ Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Program of the the New Jersey Library for the Blind and Handicapped initiated the “The Assistive Technology Loan Program” recently.



If you have trouble hearing everything when attending a meeting or when you go to a doctor’s appointment, you should try an FM System to make communication more clear and effective.

These systems are now available for loan, free of charge, at the six library locations listed below. They can be used for an individual’s personal needs or, in a group setting.

The libraries below will be happy to assist you. The voice numbers listed can be accessed via TTY users through the NJ Relay Service by calling “711”.

Gloucester County Library
389 Wolfert Station Road
Mullica Hill, NJ
(856) 223-6000

Ocean County Library
101 Washington Street
Toms River, NJ
(732) 349-6200

Montclair Public Library
50 South Fullerton Avenue
Montclair, NJ
(973) 744-0500

Piscataway Public Library
500 Hoes Lane
Piscataway, NJ
(732) 463-1633

Morris County Library
30 East Hanover Avenue
Whippany, NJ
(973) 285-6930

The NJ Library for the Blind & Handicapped
The Deaf & Hard of Hearing Awareness
Program
P.O. 501
Trenton, NJ 08625
Traci Burton, Coordinator
(609) 530-3957 Voice
(877) 882-5593 TTY

NJ Library f/t Blind & Handicapped
2300 Stuyvesant Avenue
Trenton, NJ
(609) 530-3957

Jobs Available

Full-Time Sign Language Interpreter/Substitute Interpreter

Southern Regional High School District is seeking a full-time Sign Language Interpreter, beginning September 2002. In addition, we also are looking for substitute interpreters per diem. Please send or fax a resume and letter of interest to Rick Gunsalus, Supervisor of Special Services, 75 Cedar Bridge Road, Manahawkin, NJ 08050. Fax (609) 978-9373.



Teacher of the Deaf

Southern Regional High School District is looking for a Teacher of the Deaf, preferably with sign language interpreting skills, to begin in September 2002. This professional will work to deliver educational and support services for students with auditory impairments and to provide consultation to the staff who work with them. Please send or fax a resume and letter of interest to Rick Gunsalus, Supervisor of Special Services, 75 Cedar Bridge Road, Manahawkin, NJ 08050 or (609) 978-9373 Fax.

Did You Know That . . .

Submit Information to the MC

This is a reminder that the deadline for submission of information for publication in the Monthly Communicator is June 1st for the combined **July/August** issue, and August 1st for the September issue. It is preferable that items be submitted two months in advance of an event. Articles and ads of interest to people with hearing loss should be typed flush left, no tabs or fancy fonts, and e-mailed to the editor at ira.hock@dhs.state.nj.us. Please note that e-mail addresses have changed for staff of the Department of Human Services to include first and last names. See example above. The former addresses are still valid during this period of transition.

TTY/VCO Distribution Program

DDHH has distributed more than 1,700 TTYs /VCO telephones to qualified NJ residents within the past decade. Amplifiers also were given out this year for people who needed them.

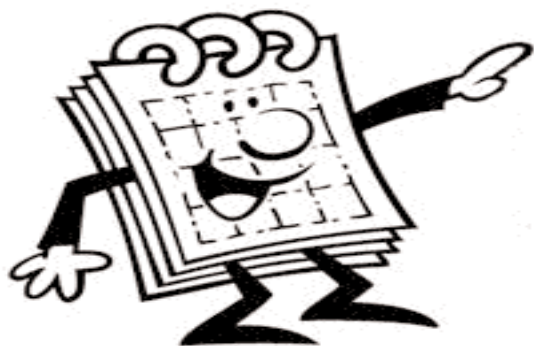
Smoke Detector Program

The First Annual DDHH Smoke Detector program was an instant success. More than 200 detectors were distributed in less than six months. Although the Division has exhausted its limit this fiscal year, it plans to begin its second program before September, 2002. The detectors are extra-audible with a strobe light.

Access to Religious Services

Trinity Baptist Church

Sign/Interpreted Worship Services are held each Sunday at Trinity Baptist Church, 160 Changebridge Rd., Montville, NJ. Services are held at 11 a.m. and at 6 p.m. A One-Day Deaf Ministries Conference will be held at the Trinity Baptist Church in Montville, NJ on Saturday, May 18, 2002 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. Registration is required and there is a nominal registration fee. For more information, contact Rev. Leslie Bunn at (973) 252-9651 V/TTY or the church office at (973) 334-5045 Voice only.



Schedule of Events

All Clearview Cinemas are equipped with assistive listening devices. Headsets are available free of charge, upon request, at the box office. Clearview Cinemas also show many foreign language films with English subtitles. Selected theaters have captioned films. All schedules are subject to change, and we sincerely apologize in advance for any inconvenience or disappointment such changes may cause. To receive the schedule monthly by e-mail, fax or regular mail, just send your request to us as follows: e-mail it to DLEWIS1@CLEARCIN.COM or fax it to Special Projects at (973) 292-2705, or mail it to Special Projects, Clearview Cinemas, 72 Headquarters Plaza Morristown, NJ 07960.

The New Jersey Deaf Golf League lists below the schedule for the upcoming 2002 season. The dates and places are tentative and subject to change. If you have any questions about the League, please feel free to contact Rick Rademaker, Chairperson, NJ Deaf Golf League, 2002, RickRadNJ@aol.com. If you have any questions about DGA in general, please contact President, Bob Donovan, NJDGA@aol.com.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Course</u>
Apr 28th	Green Tree
May 19th	Spooky Brook
June 9th	Cream Ridge
July 14th	High Bridge Hills
Aug 11th	Southmoore
Sep 15th	TBA
Oct 6th	Colts Neck

The Spring 2002 Developmental Disabilities Lecture Series is a continuing education activity of the Elizabeth M. Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities (Boggs Center) at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. There is no registration fee, but advance registration is required. Sessions are held at the Embassy Suites, Piscataway or DoubleTree, Mt. Laurel. Sessions run from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. To obtain a registration brochure, please call (732) 235-9325 or visit our website at <http://rwjms.umdj.edu/boggscenter>. Upcoming lecture series are: "Progress Towards Full Community Inclusion Lessons on Friendship and Belonging on May 10; and "Providing Culturally Competent Services Across the Life Span on May 21.

The Hearing Society, located in the First Baptist Church of Westfield, P.O. Box 2534, Westfield, New Jersey 07091 has office hours Thursdays only, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Classes in Basic Sign Language are offered from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and Lip Reading classes are offered from 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. These classes are offered as a free public service to surrounding communities. A tentative date for our annual luncheon will be held on Sunday, May 5th. Classes will end for the summer on May 30th and will resume in September. For information, call the Society at (908) 233-0266 V/TTY.

Camps for the Deaf - The list of Deaf Camps is growing. Check out these camps by clicking on: <http://www.deafdigest.com/camp.htm>. If your camp is not listed, now is a great time to get listed. Listings are free, but camp operators must be DeafDigest subscribers. Please e-mail: barry@deafdigest.com to get your camp listed, and furnish camp name, camp site, dates of the camp, sessions and the e-mail address of camp contact person. Sorry, camp Web sites cannot be listed.



***The Conference on Videoconferencing and
Emerging Video Technologies in Deaf Education
October 13th - 15th
Gallaudet University, Washington D.C.***

This conference, originally scheduled for Tucson, AZ in March, 2002 will now take place at Gallaudet University. Videoconference technology will remain a large part of the conference. But presentations on other video technologies such as webcasting, video interpreting, web captioning, and funding sources will also be highlighted.

Registration fees will remain the same during the “early bird” period, which is from now until August 2002. That cost is \$195 per person. From September 1st until October 12th, registration will increase to \$235 per person. Registration includes all conference materials, access to all presentations, continental breakfast and lunch. For conference information and registration visit the Web site <http://academic.gallaudet.edu/videoconf2002>

Registration is limited and will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. If you have questions concerning the conference, please e-mail: videoconference2002@gallaudet.edu or call (202) 651-5136 Voice. Registration forms can be faxed to (202) 651-5124. Payment is accepted in the form of personal check, credit card or purchase order. You may send registration form with a copy of a purchase order to hold a seat.

DEAFWAY II Offers Enriching Experience

GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY invites deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind, late-deafened and hearing participants from around the world to experience Deaf Way II. The week of July 8-13, 2002, academic and community scholars will gather in Washington, D.C., USA, to present and discuss issues of language, history, culture, art, technology, and human rights. Artists will exhibit and perform arts shaped by the aesthetics and values of a shared culture. An experiential event, all participants become part of the celebration that will be a touchstone in deaf international history. Deaf and hard of hearing citizens sign, speak and write different languages, and are geographically, religiously, economically and ethnically as diverse as our planet, yet there is an undeniable common experience that draws us together. Combining a scholarly conference with a cultural arts program, Deaf Way II is a unique opportunity to examine the unity and diversity of deaf life. Patterned after the enormously successful 1989 Deaf Way event, this gathering at Deaf Way II reaches further to explore the interconnectedness of Deaf life in the next century. Just as the first Deaf Way fostered a Deaf global village, this event will bring that ever-changing and more inclusive village together for a week of celebration and sharing. Using new media and technology, the events of Deaf Way II will reach an even broader audience so that all may learn of the richness of deaf experience. For additional info: <http://www.deafway.org/index.asp> or send an e-mail to: info@deafway.org



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Camden County College Students' Reactions to "Deaf for a Day"

On Tuesday, March 26, 2002, at the Blackwood Campus, and on Wednesday, March 27, 2002, at the Camden City Campus, students at Camden County College got the opportunity to experience a day without sound. The college's Deaf Culture Club sponsored the event, "Deaf for a Day," to help hearing people understand the challenges faced by those who have a hearing loss. Here are some comments by deaf participants of the event.

Thyson Halley, President of Deaf Culture Club

Here at Camden County College, we have 62 deaf and hard of hearing students. One of the goals of the Deaf Culture Club is to promote deaf awareness throughout the college community. I had a vision to set up "Deaf for a Day." The event took place on two campuses: the Blackwood campus and the Camden campus. On Tuesday morning, March 26, I woke up and saw gray clouds in the sky. I said to myself, this is not good. It will rain, and people tend to stay home when it rains. Despite the weather, the day turned out to be beautiful. The students came out in great numbers to support the Deaf Culture Club.

On Wednesday, the event at Camden City was a little different. The hearing students had a chance to ask ques-

tions of some of the members of the Deaf Culture Club. They had the opportunity to learn the manual alphabet and some basic signs. It was beneficial for deaf and hearing participants to have one-on-one communication with each other.

Individuals of the college community have experienced what it's like to be deaf. They walked in our shoes for a day. They have a new perspective on deafness. As the President of the Deaf Culture Club, I was overwhelmed at the turnout for our event and the extensive



deaf people and they tried to use fingerspelling. They were genuinely interested in meeting Deaf people. There were many hearing students who participated and these students were great. I noticed that the hearing and deaf people were smiling and sharing that day. The deaf students looked so happy, and they felt

they were in their own world. I would like to say to the Deaf Culture Club: You did a wonderful job hosting "Deaf for a Day." I wish that we had "DEAF FOR SEVERAL YEARS," not just "DEAF FOR A DAY."

Bonnie Frisby

I went to the "Deaf for a Day" event at the CCC cafeteria last Tuesday. I enjoyed interacting with deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing people. I noticed that the cafeteria was a little crowded. I asked one of the

hearing students what it was like to wear earplugs. She said that sounds were muffled. She understands why deaf people can't hear voices very well. The hearing student likes to talk with deaf people and learn sign language. She gets nervous; learning the language is tough. However, she feels relaxed and comfortable with deaf people. She had fun with us as we taught her some signs. I like the fact that hearing people are willing to use sign language. I had fun socializing with deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing students at "Deaf for a Day."

"my family accepts me for who I am"

media coverage. Last but not least, I appreciate the officers, members, and advisors of the Deaf Culture Club for their support. Words are too inadequate to express my thanks. Let's keep on spreading the word about Deaf Culture.



Helen Berry

"Deaf for a Day" at Camden County College was wonderful. The hearing people who participated in the event wore earplugs. They chatted with

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Nadine Little

I hope that people will understand that being deaf or hard of hearing is a wonderful thing. There are times where some deaf people wish they were hearing. But if everybody looks, acts, dresses, and does the same thing, the world would be a boring place. Different people have something special about them. We just happen to be deaf. There are a lot of reasons why being deaf is fun. For example, deaf and hard of hearing people can sign. Signing is something I enjoy doing most of the time.



I thought being hard of hearing was going to be difficult for me. However, while I was growing up, I realized that it is great to be different from everybody else. I love

learning about who I am. I couldn't be any happier than I am now. That is because my family accepts me for who I am.

"Deaf for a Day" helped hearing people understand how deaf people live their lives. Asking hearing people to wear earplugs meant that they wouldn't be able to hear the T.V., people talking, noises in the background, or cars moving. Seeing these people struggle as they tried to communicate was one of the sights I enjoyed at "Deaf for a Day."

Kevin Blake

On Tuesday, March 26, 2002, my friend Luis Abreu and I went to the cafeteria for "Deaf for a Day." We thought the event was a good idea. We saw many deaf people in the cafeteria, so we talked with them. As we were chatting, a newsman

from TV 10 News came up to us. A cameraman videotaped us as we were signing. It made me so happy; I felt brave showing him how we communicate. I admit that I was a little nervous while the cameraman was videotaping me. I was so

glad to see many hearing people in attendance at our event. They wanted to experience what it's

like to be deaf. They want to learn how to communicate with deaf people. I was so grateful that so many people came to

"Deaf for a Day" at Camden County College.

Luis F. Abreu II

On Tuesday, I heard that the Deaf Culture Club was sponsoring an event called Deaf for a Day. I went to the cafeteria at Camden County College, and I saw a few tables that were set up with

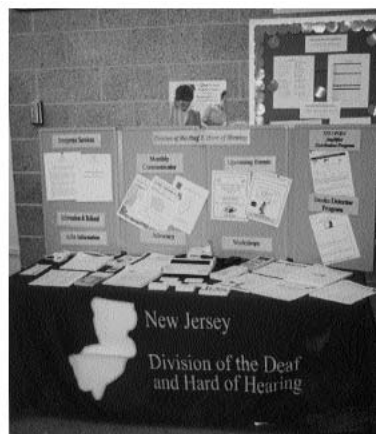
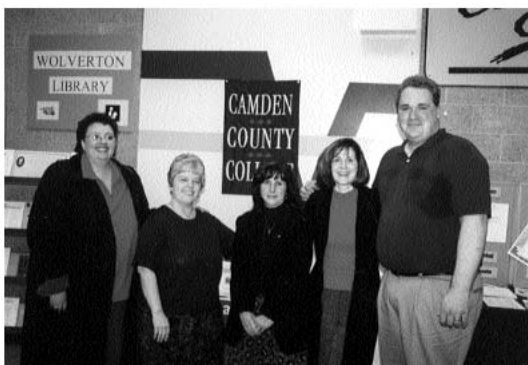
many sets of earplugs, pens, papers, and baskets. I also saw deaf students who were visiting from Newark High School. They had a tour around the campus. I sat at a table with Kevin Blake, and a cameraman from the Channel Ten News came up to Kevin and me. Kevin and I were talking about the girls in the cafeteria, and a cameraman was filming my ear with an earplug in it! Kevin and I went to get something to eat, and I saw the President of the Deaf Culture Club, Thyson Halley, being interviewed by the Channel NBC Ten and Channel Comcast 8 News.

About 2:00 p.m., all of the deaf students went home, and "Deaf for a Day" was over. At 5:00 that afternoon, I saw myself on the news. I was a little bit nervous and happy to see myself on the news. I think I looked good on TV, and I think the news media covered our event well.

Tonie Taylor

I went to "Deaf for a Day" in the college cafeteria, and I enjoyed myself very much. I was questioned about the TTY, alarm clock, flashing light for the door, and so forth. I saw people come and enjoy themselves; some even learned how to sign. I enjoyed interacting with them. I was surprised that news reporters came and interviewed

some people. I was nervous to be on TV. I had never been on TV before in my life!



Communicator Signboard

**Glassboro Center for the Arts and
Cleveland SignStage Theatre
present: Deaf Theatre Residency
April 15 to May 18**

Opening doors between the Deaf and Hearing Communities through
Theatre Residency culminates in two theatrical productions:

Snow White and Aladdin

Workshops and classes for Deaf, hard-of-hearing and hearing adults, 16 and over

Workshops available in: Beginning ASL with gestures, mime, non-verbal communication for theatre,
audience development, acting techniques, script adaptation

Who would benefit?

actors, directors, producers, script writers, parents of deaf children, accessibility specialists,
arts administrators, educators, arts marketers, theatre students, anyone interested in deaf culture!

Workshops: \$10 per person, per workshop

Register or questions by phone with Eileen O'Brien at (856) 256-4552,
E-mail Eileen at obriene@rowan.edu or call Melissa on TTY at (856) 256-4612

**Deaf Senior Citizens of Northwest Jersey DAWN, Inc.
Non-Seniors are welcome!**

Meeting is Wednesday, May 15th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

at St. Clare's Hospital-Dover Campus, Jardine Street, Dover, NJ
in Conference Rooms C & D on the first floor.

TOPIC: Heart Disease - Speaker (TBA)

Audience Participation: Question and Answer Session

**Our future meetings and workshops will provide you with valuable information about
health and wellness and many other interesting topics.**

ASL interpreter provided. Refreshments will be served.

Parking is available in the visitor parking area (free).

Info: Lila Taylor, DAWN, Inc., Wharton, NJ 07885 (973) 361-5666 Voice
(973) 361-6032 TTY, (973) 361-7086 Fax

Communicator Signboard

Loews Cineplex New Brunswick

E.T. (Open Captioned)

17 US Highway 1
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
(732) 846-9200 voice

Captioned on May 14th & 15th at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Twenty years after E.T. phoned home, the lovable extra-terrestrial arrives back in theaters for his own special anniversary edition. Directed by Steven Spielberg, E.T. is the timeless tale of a lonely young boy named Elliot (Thomas) who befriends an alien left behind on Earth. E.T.'s new edition has been updated with restored footage, additional scenes, new special effects and a digitally re-mastered soundtrack.

Genre: Family, Science Fiction
Rating: PG - language and mild thematic elements
Running Time: 1 hr. 55 min.
Cast: Dee Wallace-Stone, Henry Thomas, Peter Coyote
Director: Steven Spielberg
Tripod: <http://www.tripod.org>

Loews Cineplex New Brunswick

Ice Age (Open Captioned)

17 US Highway 1, New Brunswick, NJ 08901 (732) 846-9200 voice

Captioned on May 28th & 29th at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.



20,000 years ago, the earth is a wondrous, prehistoric world filled with danger, not the least of which was the beginning of the Ice Age. To avoid a really bad frostbite, the planet's majestic creatures - and a few small, slothful ones - begin migrating south. The story revolves around "sub-zero heroes": a woolly mammoth, a saber-toothed tiger, a sloth, and a prehistoric combination of a squirrel and rat, known as Scrat. Together, these reluctant companions make an incredible journey to return a human baby to his parents.

Genre: Family , Rating: PG - mild peril
Running Time: 1 hr. 21 min.
Cast: Ray Romano, Denis Leary, John Leguizamo, Director:
Chris Wedge
Tripod: <http://www.tripod.org>

Communicator Signboard

Pizza, Pins, and Pop Bowling Blast !

Sponsored by the Monmouth-Ocean County Deaf Ten Pins
Come out and have a great bowling blast

At "88" Rt Lanes, Route 88, Point Pleasant, NJ

On Sunday, May 19, 2002 1 p.m - 4 p.m.

Only \$12 person (6 bowlers per lane)

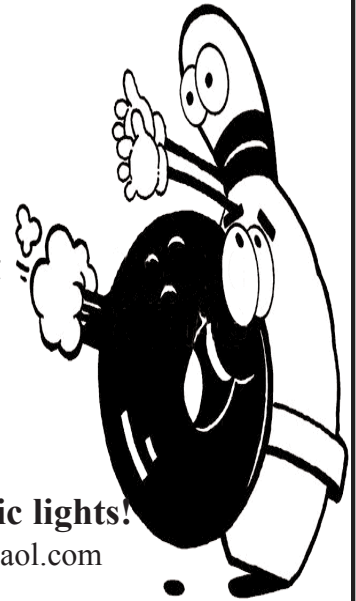
Free bowling shoes

Two pizza pies (per lane); All the soda you can drink!; Cosmic lights!

Contact Martin Blomquist, (home) (732) 714-8911V/TTY or blomqui4@aol.com

Check/money order payable to:

MOCDCA ten pins c/o Martin Blomquist, 1408 Juniper St. Point Pleasant, NJ 08742



Monmouth-Ocean County Deaf Community Association, Inc.

Hawaiian Social and Dingo

On May 11 from 6:00 p.m. (game starts at 8:00 p.m) to 11:30 p.m.

Recreation Hall Clubhouse

(Larkin Place and Memorial Pkwy, Oakhurst, NJ - next to Oakhurst Fire Dept)

Refreshments will be sold

Soda, Tea, Coffee, Desserts, Chicken Nuggets/Ham

Hawaiian Clothes Contest - Women - Muu Muus or Flower Dress/Shirt

Men - Hawaiian Shirt (No T-Shirts, please)

Kids - Drawing flower craft (any idea)

Admission: Member \$5: Non-Member \$8: Senior Citizen \$4

Teenager \$2 (11 yrs old to 17 yrs old):

Kids \$1.50 from 4 yrs old to 10 yrs old: Under 3 yrs old - Free

Info: Chairperson, Bob/Starr Levenson, levshore@aol.com,

(732) 493-3984 TTY, (732) 493-3985 Fax, Pager: Bob - levbob@wyndtell.com,

Starr-levstarr@wyndtell.com

Address: Monmouth-Ocean County

Deaf Community Association Inc.

P.O. Box 2042,

Brick, New Jersey



Communicator Signboard

NWJAD

(Northwest Jersey Assn. of the Deaf, Inc.)

Saturday, May 11, 2002

Meeting & Social

Find Out the Latest News!

Help NWJAD Plan Future Events!

Doors open at 8:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be sold (alcohol beverages are not served)

Members - FREE Non-Members: \$2

Everyone is welcome, including Sign Language Students

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

215 Boulevard, Mountain Lakes, NJ

For Info: NWJAD Web Site: <http://nwjad.tripod.com/>

or e-mail NWJAD: NWJADeaf@aol.com

Atlantic County Society of the Deaf Hosts

Mother's Day Dinner

A special presentation on women to be given by Vicki Joy Sullivan

Saturday, May 18, 2002

6:00 p.m. to ?

601 N. Dorset Avenue
Ventnor, New Jersey

Bingo, Bank Nite, 50/50

Admission: \$7 Members, \$10 Non-Members

For more information, contact Rosemary Werner at (609) 487-2230 Fax.

Communicator Signboard

New Jersey Association of the Deaf
will host its first of three
general meetings of 2002 and
featured guest speaker,

Toronja Williams, Miss Deaf New Jersey

12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, May 18, 2002

Ventnor VFW Hall

Dorset Avenue, Ventnor, NJ

Toronja A. Williams of Ewing is the first deaf black woman to win the title.

Her platform presentation is "Sharing Visibility:

Connection World Family Literacy."

The general meetings are conducted in ASL.

Cape May Deaf Waves

Happy Mother's Day
Saturday, May 18, 2002
4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Kiwanis Club of Cape May Court House

269 Rt. 9 South

Cape May Court House, New Jersey

For more information, call at (609) 465-5546 or (609) 886-0222 Fax.

Admission: \$8

Free Food and Drink

Dingo & Games

Communicator Signboard

NWJAD (Northwest Jersey Assn. of the Deaf, Inc.)

WALLYBALL & SWIM FUN NIGHT!

Saturday, MAY 18, 2002

6:30 p.m. to Midnight

Spa 23 & Racquetball Club
381 Rt. 23 South, Pompton Plains, NJ

Cost: per person

\$10 - ADULTS - 19 years and up: wallyball, racquetball & swimming

\$5 - TEENS - 13 to 18 years old: wallyball, racquetball & swimming

\$5 - KIDS - 4 to 12 years: SWIMMING ONLY

\$5 - Spectators (Fans): Watch games & NO Swimming

FREE - Children 3 Years and under: SWIMMING ONLY

POOL HOURS: 7 to 11:00 p.m. with a LIFEGUARD & Interpreter

Refreshments Will Be Served

(Alcoholic Beverages Are Not Served)

CHAIRPERSON: Joey Garth

Info: NWJAD Web Site: <http://nwjad.tripod.com/> or e-mail: NWJADeaf@aol.com



North Jersey Community Center of the Deaf, Inc.
4th Annual The Price Is Right - II
7:00 p.m. Saturday, June 1

Knights of Columbus
39 Washington Street
Lodi, New Jersey

Game starts at 8:00 p.m. til midnight

Tickets: May 1-May 18: \$35 members, \$40 non-members

At the door: \$40 members, \$45 non-members

Cash Bar, 50/50, refreshments on sale

Limit 300 people - first come, first served

Must be 18 years of age to enter and play.

Make checks payable and mail to: NJCCD, Inc., P.O. Box 336, Towaco, New Jersey 07082-0336.

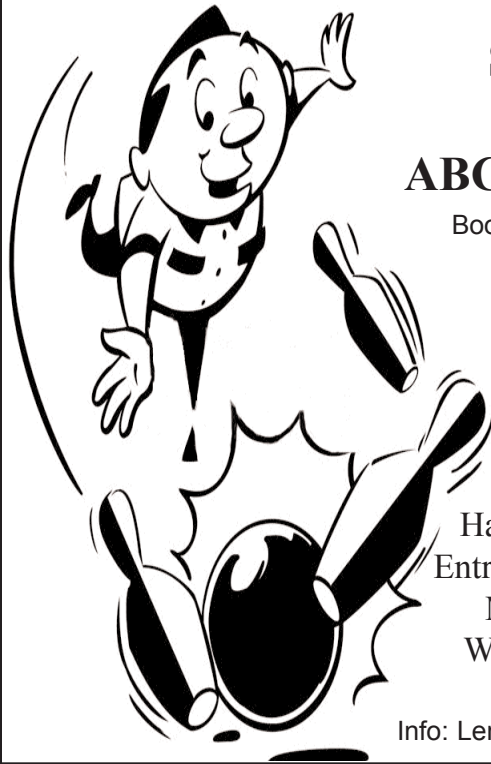
Info: fax to (973) 394-8870 or e-mail to: Acepoker12@aol.com.

Proceeds to go to Host City 2006

Ticket deadline is May 18, 2002

Chairman: John Rivera, Jr. and his committees

Communicator Signboard



North Jersey Community Center of the Deaf, Inc.
**Spring Classic Bowling Tournament -
Individual Handicap**

ABC & WIBC Sanctioned Saturday, June 1

Boonton Lanes, 720 Myrtle Avenue, (Route 202) Boonton, New Jersey
Walk-In tournament

3 Squad Times: 12 noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.
(Entry deadlines for squads are ½ hour
to the 3 squad start times.)

4 games across 8 lanes

Handicap: 100% of 220

Handicap limit - 45 per game (men), 55 per game (women)

Entry Fee: \$40 Re-entry Fee: \$35 Mail-in Deadline: May 24

Men's Championship Prize: \$600 (based on 50 entries)

Women's Championship Prize: \$400 (based on 25 entries)

Fan/Spectator Fee: \$3

Info: Lenny Amato at (973) 257-0957 Fax or John Rivera at (973) 384-8870 Fax.

Come to ALDA-NJ's

June is Bustin Out All Over Party

Sunday, June 2, 2002 at 2 pm

Michele Handy and Lori Heir,

co-hostesses at Michele's home in Oakland, NJ

Bring food as follows according to the first letter of your last name:

A - H dessert

I - O side dish or salad

P - Z main dish

RSVP by May 26th, 2002

Party Info and Directions:

ALDA-NJ - Nancy Kingsley

Communicator Signboard

Monmouth-Ocean County Deaf Community Association, Inc. In the Good Old Summertime!

Larry and MB's Ice Cream Corner and Dingo
June 15 from 6:00 p.m.(Game Starts at 8:00 pm) to 11:30 p.m.

Recreation Hall Clubhouse

(Larkin Place and Memorial Pkwy, Oakhurst, NJ - next to Oakhurst Fire Dept)

Crazy Hats Contest - for Kids and Adults - design your craziest hats!

Refreshments will be sold (Soda, Tea, Coffee, Dessert and Hot Dogs)

small ice cream \$2 big ice Cream \$3 (any toppings)

Admission: Member - \$5 Non-member - \$8 Senior citizen - \$4

Teenager - \$2 from 11 yrs old to 17 yrs old

Kids \$1.50 from 4 yrs old to 10 yrs old

Under 3 yrs old - Free

Info: Chairpersons, Martin Blomquist, blomqui4@aol.com and Larry Rich,

lrich@wyndtell.com, or (732) 714 -8911 TTY

Address: Monmouth-Ocean County Deaf Community Association, Inc., P.O .Box 2042, Brick, New Jersey 08723-2042



Happy Hands Summer Day Camp

Four Weeks of fun and friends

Lots of Activities for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children

**Camden County College offers a 4-week Day Camp for
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children between 5 and 14 years of age.**

The Summer Camp for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children will be held on the

Blackwood Campus of Camden County College. Located 13 miles from Camden,

the 320-acre campus is centrally located for students living throughout the South Jersey area.

**Happy Hands Camp is staffed with fully qualified individuals who have
years of experience working with children who are**

Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Parents may send their children for 1, 2, 3, or 4 weeks.

Camp will provide snacks and beverages. Campers are responsible for bringing their lunches.

A \$10 deposit is required (non-refundable).

Dates: Weeks of July 8-12, July 15-19, July 22-26, July 29-Aug. 2

Times: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Cost: \$90 per week - Children may enroll for 1, 2, 3, or 4 weeks.

Activities: Swimming, sports, computers, arts and crafts,
language development, field trips, and more

Info: Kathy Earp (856) 227-7200 ext. 4255, (856) 374-4855, (856) 374-5003 Fax, e-mail: kearp@camdencc.edu

Calendar of Events 2002

DDHH Advisory Council Meetings

East Brunswick Public Library

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Friday, July 26th Friday, October 18

All are welcome, call: (800) 792-8339 V/TTY

June 8th

DDHH

18th Annual Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day

Six Flags Great Adventure

Jackson, NJ

July 27, 2002

Deaf & HOH Day at Camelbeach Water Park!

and Camping

Tannersville, PA

for more info: <http://nwjad.tripod.com/>

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